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NEWS RELEASE

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EMPLOYEE SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Branson City Clerk Lisa Westfall was honored at the start of the Board of Aldermen Meeting as she has recently earned the designation of Master Municipal Clerk through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Participants must meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk and demonstrate that they have actively pursued educational and professional activities and have remained informed of current socio-political, cultural, and economic issues that affect local governments and municipalities. This prestigious certification is the highest level a City Clerk can achieve in the IIMC. Clerk Westfall has served the City of Branson for 25 years.



Branson City Clerk Lisa Westfall (Center) is presented a Master Municipal Clerk designation by Republic City Clerk Brenda Jackson, representing the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association. Mayor Karen Best (right) presented a proclamation making September 22, 2015 as Branson City Clerk Lisa Westfall Day.

CONSENT AGENDA - SECOND READING AND FINAL PASSAGE BILLS

2015 Budget Amendment for the Transportation and Capital Project Funds.

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving funding of a salt storage building.

2015 Budget Amendment for the Tourism Marketing Fund

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving the adjustment of monies identified that may be made available to the Chamber through reimbursement of marketing expenses.

Branson North Water System Improvements

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving accepting the proposal of Flat Creek Excavating LLC pertaining to the Branson North Water System Improvements including the construction of a new waterline.

Firefighter Turnout Gear

The Board approved the second reading of a bill renewing a contract with Leo M. Ellebracht for the purchase of Firefighter Turnout Gear.

Department of Health and Senior Services

The Board approved the second reading of a bill approving a funding agreement with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services regarding reimbursement of costs to the City of Branson for the purchase of fluoride used in water treatment..

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS (1st Readings and public hearings)

Vacation of a Slope Easement

The Board voted to postpone the final reading of a bill approving the vacation of a slope easement. This slope easement is proposed adjacent to the west side of Fall Creek Road, north of Highway 76.

Ozark Mountain Christmas Lights and Village Special Event Permit Resolution

The Board approved a resolution approving use of public streets in the Branson Commerce Park for an Ozark Mountain Christmas Lights and Village. In past years, a similar event was sponsored by the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and this year it will be privately operated by local businessman Charlie Engram. This lighted drive will navigate through parts of the Branson Commerce Park from November 1 through December 31, 2015.

Surplus Property

The Board approved a resolution authorizing the disposition of surplus property. The property includes surplus buildings at the Red Roof Mall.

Lease Purchase Financing

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a lease purchase agreement for a new fire engine. US Banks proposal resulted in the lowest cost of five qualified bidders with a rate of 1.723% for a five year lease.

New Fire Engine

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving the purchase of a new KME Fire Engine from Jon's Mid-America Fire Apparatus. This new rescue-engine will be designed to focus on firefighter safety, current staffing levels, and will increase the fire department's rescue capabilities. The purchase price of this new engine is \$605,747.

Contract Amendment for Electrical Service Work

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a contract amendment for electrical service work provided by Bill's Electric, Inc. This amendment will provide funding to improve electrical safety at the City's Recycle Center and light replacement on the soccer fields located at the RecPlex.

Pavement Assessment Program

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving an agreement with Infrastructure Management Services. IMS will travel all city streets in a specialized vehicle containing camera and lasers to analyze the surface of the roadways, cracking and any deterioration. The results will assist the Engineering Department in accurately determining a plan for city street improvements.

Parking Lot Sealing and Striping at the RecPlex

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a proposal from Springfield Sealing Services for sealing and striping of the parking lots at the Branson RecPlex.

Fiber Optic Cabling Project

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a proposal to install fiber optic cable designed to improve data connectivity between City Hall and the Branson Convention Center. Fiber will be installed in the Downtown Revitalization Project for street light service. Fiber will also be installed for service to a new Utilities Department Maintenance & Operations Building.

Pre-Annexation Agreement

The Board approved the first reading of a bill accepting a petition for consent to annex residential property at 1194 Bird Road. This annexation will include one single family residence within 2.462 acres. This property is contiguous to the existing city limits.

Factory Merchants Mall Buildings Sale to Ball Parks of Branson, LLC

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving an ordinance to sell all buildings on the property known as the Factory Merchants Mall to Ball Parks of Branson, LLC. These buildings have been declared surplus property. This agreement will assist with project financing for the developers desire to build five ball fields, on-site dormitory lodging for up to 48 teams plus retail space. The City will continue to own the property.

Lease Agreement Amendment

The Board approved the first reading of a bill approving a lease amendment with Ball Parks of Branson, LLC. This amendment eliminates percentage rent from subtenants, extension of terms by one year, and commitment to payment of taxes.

APPOINTMENTS

The Mayor with Board approval appointed:

Betsy Seay was appointed to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Best. This term will expire in April 2017.

Three applicants have expressed interest to serve on the Tourism Community Enhancement District (TCED). These community members included Karen Hall, Bill Skains, and Larry Schmitt. Two positions to be appointed for a 3 year term expiring September of 2018 were voted on by the Board. Karen Hall and Larry Schmitt were appointed to serve on the TCED Board.

(Background materials on all agenda items, including audio of the entire Board of Aldermen meeting can be accessed by going to www.bransonmo.gov and clicking on the "Agendas & Minutes" button on the right side of the website homepage.)